

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY PROGRESS REPORT

EMS PERSONNEL UNIT EMS DIVISION

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. First-Aid Practices for School Bus Drivers	Lucy Chaidez Extension 434	Eight programs are approved. One new program was reviewed, and we are awaiting modifications on this program.
2. Child Care Provider First Aid/ CPR and Prevention Training Programs	Lucy Chaidez Donna Westlake Extension 416	Reviewing several new programs. Currently thirty-eight (38) approved first aid/CPR programs. There are currently 66 temporarily approved Preventive Health programs. An asthma education component was added to our current first aid program.
3. Child Care Provider Training Program Audits	Donna Westlake	Ongoing audit of child care provider training programs. Gathering information to be used in data bank.
4. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Requirements for EMT-I's and Public Safety	Sean Trask Extension 408	Draft policies are completed, need to distribute for comment.
5. EMT-I Task Force	Sean Trask	EMT-I Task Force has had 5 face to face meetings and one conference call. Objectives for task force have been established and progress is gradually being made to meeting those objectives.
6. BLS Training and Certification Issues	Sean Trask	<p>State Fire Marshal has submitted their EMT-I training program materials for review and renewal. We are corresponding with State Fire Marshal for missing items.</p> <p>Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) has submitted their First Aid & CPR Training materials for review. POST materials were approved on 10-30-00.</p> <p>Coordinating a meeting with Mike Hammang in regards to EMSA's review of Local EMS Agency disciplinary policies.</p>
7. EMT-II, DNR and MICN Issues	Lois Williams	Ongoing technical assistance. Have been communicating with CMA regarding their new advanced directives wallet card, which they describe as an "early warning tool" that a DNR may be present. Met with Medic Alert concerning their new education materials.

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EMS DIVISION (continued)

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8. Injury Prevention	Lois Williams	<p>In conjunction with the center for Childhood Injury Prevention, organized an EMS/Injury Prevention half-day workshop held 10/22, as a preconference to the annual California Childhood Injury Control Conference, sponsored by DHS. Provided CEU's for EMT's and Paramedics in attendance.</p> <p>Attended the Annual NHTSA Region IX Injury Prevention Network meeting and was re-elected secretary.</p> <p>Injury prevention website on EMSA homepage is now up per NHTSA recommendation; updating as needed.</p>

**EMS SYSTEMS UNIT
EMS DIVISION**

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. Poison Center Program	Michele Handewith Extension 415	The California Poison Control System (CPCS) continues to provide statewide service. California Medical Assistance Commission has agreed to match EMSA funds for a total of 6.8 million, which will keep the CPCS open another year.
2. EMS Plans	Michele Handewith	Thirty-two EMS Plans received, 17 EMS Plans approved, 15 are being reviewed.
3. EMSC Project	Maureen McNeil Extension 414 Michele Handewith	The third annual EMS for Children Conference was held November 9-10, 2000 in San Diego and was a great success. EMSA and the EMSC Advisory Committee will meet December 7-8 , 2000 to discuss a date for next year's EMSC Conference and work on the 5-year plan. The Partnership Grant proposal for 2001-2004 has been submitted to MCHB Health Resources and Services Administration. Awards will be made March 1, 2001.
4. Trauma	Donna Nicolaus Extension 412	The Trauma Advisory Committee will meet January 31, 2000 to begin the process of developing a Statewide Trauma System by identifying issues and prioritizing areas for development.
5. Communication Plan	Carol Biancalana Extension 409	The State EMS Communication Plan presentation was rescheduled for the Commission's November 29 th meeting due to a full agenda.
6. Medical Dispatch Regulations	Carol Biancalana	The EMD regulations are being reviewed by the Vision Access Committee.

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
EMS DIVISION

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. EMT-P Testing and Licensing	Nancy Steiner Extension 429 Connie Telford Extension 426	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓒ Licensed/re-licensed 700 paramedics September through October 2000. Ⓒ 6 National Registry exams held September through October 2000. (4 open, 2 closed).
2. EMT-P Regulations	Nancy Steiner	The draft Model Disciplinary Orders and draft proposed standards for the denial/revocation of a paramedic license were mailed to constituents on August 31, 2000 for a 90-day pre-public review and comment period. Comments are due November 30, 2000.
3. Paramedic Task Force	Nancy Steiner	The Paramedic Task Force is now working on revisions to the continuing education and continuous quality improvement portions of the regulations. Minutes of the meetings are available on the EMS Authority website. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2000.
4. EMT-P Accreditation	Nancy Steiner	Ongoing review. Several local EMS agencies have been reminded that a renewal fee for accreditation cannot be charged unless there has been a lapse of accreditation due to lapse in paramedic license, leaving employment in the county, etc.
5. EMT-P Local Optional Scope of Practice	Nancy Steiner	Alameda and Riverside Counties have been advised that their requests to add amiodarone to the local optional scope of practice will be approved as trial studies. Monterey County's requests to add transcutaneous pacing and the administration of magnesium sulfate to the local optional scope of practice of paramedics have also been approved.
6. Trial Studies	Nancy Steiner	Ventura County's 36-month report on EMT-I with IV skills Trial Study was presented at the September 27, 2000 Commission meeting. The Commission voted to accept the report and recommended inclusion in the EMT-I regulations of the establishment of an IV by an EMT-I under the direction of a paramedic. The recommendation will be reviewed by the EMT-I Task Force.
7. Investigations and Enforcement	Richard McSherry Extension 450 Karen Chambers Extension 430	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓒ Eleven disciplinary actions have been taken since January 1, 2000. Ⓒ One hundred thirty-five new investigative cases have been opened since January 1, 2000. Ⓒ Ninety investigative cases have been concluded since January 1, 2000. Ⓒ Two administrative hearings have occurred since January 1, 2000. The Administrative Law Judge concurred with EMSA's decision to deny a license on the first case. A proposed decision is still pending on the second case. Ⓒ Fifteen cases have been referred to the Attorney General for licensure action since January 1, 2000.

DISASTER MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. EMSA Standard Operating Procedures	Cheryl Starling Extension 463	Updating procedures. Internal EMSA exercise 6/1/00.
2. Disaster Medical Assistance Team Development	Anne Bybee Extension 407	FY 00-01 funds distributed to 5 level I teams. Planning Spring 2001 Exercise. Memorandum of Agreement signed w/US Public Health Services for development of West Coast Management Support Team cache. Leasing warehouse. Purchased field response vehicles and equipment.
3. EMS/DMS Communications	Anne Bybee Jeffrey Rubin Extension 419	Member RIMS technical specialist committee.
4. Contingency Plan for Acquisition and Distribution of Disaster Medical Supplies and Equipment	Jeffrey Rubin	Department of General Services developing vendor price schedules and SOPs for disaster responses with EMSA and DHS.
5. Hazardous Materials	Derrick Green Extension 462	Ongoing member Cal-EPA Rapid Force Member CSTI Hazmat Training Commission. Member OES Mass Casualty Decontamination Committee.
6. Joint Civilian/Military Planning, Training and Exercises	Anne Bybee Jeffrey Rubin	Rough & Ready 2000 conducted in the Ukraine with Air National Guard and CA DMATs. Began planning for Spring 2001 DMAT exercise.
7. Training Programs/Courses	Cheryl Starling Laura Venegas	December EMSA staff training planned. Held Annual Statewide November Hospital/Ambulance Exercise. HEICS videos still being requested.
8. Hospital Disaster Planning	Cheryl Starling Jeffrey Rubin	Instituted hospital disaster planning coalition and corporate interest group.
9. Disaster Projects	All DMS Staff	Monitoring/Technical Assistance - Ongoing
10. Department of Health Services Coordination	Jeffrey Rubin	Liaison - Ongoing.
11. State Medical Disaster Plan	To Be Assigned	Convened task force to identify and separate medical issues from health issues as first step to developing statewide standards for evaluation project.

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12. AB 1841 (Petris) SEMS	Dan Smiley All DMS Staff	Member of Advisory and Technical Committees and Training, RIMS, Mutual Aid, Resource Ordering, Search and Rescue and Co-Chair Medical Shelter Subcommittees.
13. U.S. Public Health Service Coordination	Jeffrey Rubin	Quarterly ESF#8 meeting; Member RISC.
14. RDMHS Liaison	Laura Venegas Extension 413	Monitor contracts. Ongoing quarterly meetings. Draft guidelines to be finalized in November.
15. OES/OES Region Liaison	All DMS Staff	Member SWEPC. Quarterly meeting with Coastal, Southern and Inland Regions.
16. Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response Planning	Derrick Greene	Participated in San Onofre nuclear generating station graded FEMA exercise.
17. CCLHO Disaster Planning Committee	Jeffrey Rubin	Quarterly meetings.
18. Medical Consequences Management of Terrorism	Jeffrey Rubin Derrick Green	Ongoing meetings w/FBI, OES, Counties and PHS. Member State Standing Committee on Terrorism. Co-chair Metropolitan Medical Response System Region IX Committee w/PHS and DHS. In concert with OES and DHS overseeing statewide bio terrorism assessment.
19. Medical Needs of Evacuees	Laura Venegas Jeffrey Rubin	Report accepted by SEMS Technical Committee. Reconvened development committee and added other representatives. Began strategic planning to implement Shelter Medical Report.
20. Hospital Overcrowding/Ambulance Diversion Task Force	Jeffrey Rubin	Report published December, 1998. Ongoing meetings.
21. Mutual Aid-Intercounty Cooperative Assistance Agreements	Cheryl Starling Laura Venegas	Developing statewide version of Regions I and VI agreement.
22. LEMSA Standards Project	Cheryl Starling Jeffrey Rubin	Advisory Committee has completed first year report. Second year will focus on regulation development and compilation of best practices.

INFORMATION SERVICES

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. California EMS Authority Home Page	Ed Armitage Extension 442 Charla Jensen Extension 443 Laura Little Extension 427	<p>Some development tools have been purchased which will provide EMSA staff with the ability to begin producing database tied web pages with little or no programming. We are modifying our web pages to be internally more consistent.</p> <p>We began preliminary development of systems on our own web page. One such system is a new capability for the EMS Licensure and Enforcement divisions. Both units will now be able to view license data and enforcement actions.</p>
2. Office Automation	Ed Armitage Howard Tsukada Extension 431 Laura Little	<p>We are continuing work on the California EMS Information System (CEMSIS) project that will result in the development of a statewide patient care data warehouse. This project utilizes grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety. In conjunction with this project we have added a part time technical consultant to assist us with the overall system design and feasibility study report and a temporary full time consultant who initially got the work for the project off the ground.</p> <p>We were also awarded partial funding for the creation of a new Paramedic Licensure system. Those funds will be utilized to purchase consulting services and in conjunction with existing staff we will be able to create a new, up-to-date system that will facilitate the licensing of Paramedics. The system will be constructed to provide for the licensing of other EMS personnel which would facilitate the recommendation to have EMSA license all EMT personnel. This was a recommendation of both the EMSA vision process and the NHTSA assessment. To date we have developed screens described above in the previous section.</p>
3. EMS Data/QI	Ed Armitage Charla Jensen	<p>The Mountain Valley CQI project ended as of 6/30/00 and a CQI project for San Mateo EMS began on 7/1/2000. The San Mateo project will utilize processes developed under the Mountain Valley Grant and work with the Vision workgroup, EMSA staff in the specification of quality indicators for use on a statewide basis. The results of the Mountain Valley project have been published on the EMSA website.</p>

EMS FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
<p>1. Local Agency Funding:</p> <p>a. Federal Block Grant Special Projects</p> <p>b. Regional EMS Agency SGF Support Grants</p> <p>c. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialist (RDMHS) SGF Grants</p> <p>d. Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) SGF Assistance Grants</p>	<p>Carol MacRae Extension 422</p>	<p>a. A conference call with EMSAAC Grant Advisory Committee and EMSA managers has been scheduled for November 14, 2000 to discuss FY 2000/01 request for Letters of Intent.</p> <p>b. A meeting with the Regional EMS Administrators is being scheduled to discuss the objectives for State Fiscal Year 2000/01.</p> <p>c. All six (6) of the RDMHS contracts have been completed and mailed to the local EMS agency.</p> <p>d. All five (5) of the DMAT contracts have been completed and mailed to the Disaster Medical Assistance Teams. EMSA has conducted three (3) of the five (5) DMAT fiscal reviews.</p>
<p>2. Personnel Services</p>	<p>Karen DeGuire Extension 402</p>	<p>This spring EMSA held an open examination for the classifications of Associate Health Program Advisor (AHPA), Health Program Specialist I (HPS-I) and Health Program Manager I. Our intent was to bring more staff with medical background into EMSA. This strategy has worked well. We have recently added 2 paramedics and 3 registered nurses to EMSA staff. The Authority is currently advertising to fill a permanent AHPA and HPS-I position in Disaster Medical Services, a 2-year limited term Staff Services Analyst/AGPA in EMS Dispatch/Communications and a 2-year limited term Associate Information Services Analyst in Information Services.</p>
<p>3. Business Services</p>	<p>Sharon Clodfelter Extension 400</p>	<p>EMSA's Office Space lease begins soft-term lease 1/1/2001. We have 2 years remaining on current lease.</p> <p>Temporary warehouse space beginning 12/1/2000 to store DMS/Federal Disaster Equipment. Permanent location still being negotiated.</p>

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENTS
1. Development of EMS 01/02 SFY Budget	Susan French Extension 411	The Department of Finance has tentatively approved several budget change proposals (BCPs) requested by EMSA for the 01/02 SFY. Those that receive final approval will be announced when the Governor's proposed budget is published in January 2001.
2. Prevention 2000 (PHHS) Federal Block Grant Administration	Susan French	The California Prevention 200 Block Grant application for FFY 2001 was approved by the advisory committee. A public hearing for the application is scheduled for November 29 th in Sacramento. EMSA was recently notified that our expected grant for SFY 00/01 will be \$2,582,247, the same amount EMS received for 99/00 SFY.

LEGISLATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. Public Information Officer a. Poison Prevention Week b. EMS Week c. Coordinate EMS Awards Program d. Prepare press releases e. Respond to press inquiries	Shirley Tsagris Extension 428	Distributed Proclamation from Governor. Distributed Governor's Proclamation and EMS Week packets. Ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing.
2. Legislative Coordinator a. Update Division 2.5 of Health & Safety Code b. Analyze and lobby legislation c. Prepare legislation proposals d. Update legislation on EMSA's Homepage	Shirley Tsagris	Update in progress. Ongoing. As Needed. Ongoing.
3. Mentor Coordinator a. Promote mentoring among staff b. Match employees with appropriate program activities and schools c. Prepare semi-annual mentoring activity reports. d. Coordinate mentoring activities	Shirley Tsagris	Ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing.

<p>4. Regulatory Ombudsman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive complaints or concerns from constituents about rulemaking activities. b. Report regulatory issues and complaints to director. c. Participate in semi-annual regulatory roundtable meetings 	<p>Shirley Tsagris</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>As Needed.</p>
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